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1. SECOND NEGOTIATING SESSION BETWEEN UNDER SECRETARY PORTER AND AMBASSADOR THEMIDO HELD NOVEMBER 27.
2. FOLLOWING UP ON AGREEMENT IN FIRST SESSION THAT HE PROVIDE A LIST OF ITEMS THAT GOP WAS SEEKING AS QTE IMPORTANT COMPENSATION UNQTE, AMB THEMIDO SAID HE COULD NOW DO THIS IN GENERAL, BUT NOT IN ANY DETAIL. PORTUGAL SEEKS POLITICAL SUPPORT ON THE ISSUE OF PORTUGUESE AFRICA BOTH IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND IN BILATERAL CONTACTS THAT THE U.S. MAY HAVE WITH COUNTRIES IN AFRICA AND EUROPE. (THEMIDO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT GOP HAD NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT CURRENT LEVEL OF SUCH SUPPORT.) PORTUGAL ALSO SEEKS DEFENSIVE MILITARY EQUIPMENT. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT LATER GOP WOULD BE SUPPLYING A LIST IN THIS CATEGORY WHICH HAS HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR HIS GOVERNMENT. IN THE ECONOMIC-SOCIAL AREA, GOP WANTS
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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EQUIPMENT IN EDUCATION, INDUSTRY, MARITIME RESEARCH ETC. HE SAID THAT PORTUGAL HAD ALREADY SUPPLIED LISTS IN THIS CATEGORY, PRESUMABLY A REFERENCE TO LISTS OF NON-MILITARY EXCESS EQUIPMENT

REQUESTED UNDER THE 1971 AGREEMENT.

3. AMBASSADOR PORTER SAID THAT THE US WOULD CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY THE REQUESTS THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAD MADE, BUT THAT OUR COMMENTS WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE GENERAL UNTIL WE RECEIVED A LIST WITH SPECIFICS.

4. THE UNDER SECRETARY SAID THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE A BILATERAL MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PATRICIO IN BRUSSELS IF IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT. DEC 9 WAS THE DATE WE WERE SUGGESTING, AND THE DETAILS COULD BE WORKED OUT BY OUR DELEGATIONS IN BRUSSELS. OBVIOUSLY PLEASED, THEMIDO SAID THAT HE PRESUMED HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD WELCOME MEETING, BUT THAT HE COULD NOT COMMIT HIM.

5. AT BEGINNING OF SESSION THEMIDO STRESSED MUTUAL US-PORTUGUESE INTEREST IN KEEPING NEGOTIATIONS OUT OF NEWS-PAPERS. UNDER SECRETARY AGREED. KISSINGER

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